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To: Sharon Bird

Member for Cunningham (NSW)

Chair of House of Representative Communications Committee

You asked for people to send submissions regarding the NBN and I would like to add mine. I live in regional NSW and I still can't get decent wireless transmission on my mobile phone even though I upgrade it the minute Telstra offers better phones. I also don't get transmission on parts of the Pacific Highway when I drive to Sydney.


The idea of a wireless only internet facility makes my blood run cold. Fibre to the nod is the way to go and I have consistently supported my Federal parliamentary member Rob Oakshott who understands that we need this facility because of our topography and because it is the only way to connect regional Australia. Thank goodness the Member for New England Tony Windsor agrees with him and thank goodness for independents who can speak for their electorate and not just follow the party line like sheep.

The important thing about the NBN which is often overlooked is that it will help decentralise our over crowded cities, for people with good internet connections that are reliable (and I stress reliable because wireless is unreliable in certain weather conditions) will move to the country. I know already of several people who have bought in my area and say they will be able to live permanently here once the NBN is rolled out.

I listen to Radio National every day, it is a "life blood" communication for me and yet it goes "off air" now and again as does my current server. What a joy to know that a fibre connection will remain constant despite heavy rain, strong wind and other weather variables that we experience.

I was heartened to hear that your electorate experiences topographical difficulties with wireless and that you felt the NBN would definitely go ahead. I look forward to your committee's findings.

Yours sincerely

  
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